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1. SUMMARY. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REPORTING AND SPECULATION
ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ' ANNOUNCED VISIT TO CYPRUS HAS BEEN
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INTENSE AND VARIED IN PAST FEW DAYS. LEFTIST PAPERS CONDEMN
VISIT AS "NATOIST" GAMBIT WHILE RIGHTIST PRESS' ATTITUDE
RANGES FROM SKEPTICAL TO HOPEFUL. GOC SPOKESMAN HAS
SOUGHT TO CERTAIN DEGREE TO LIMIT SPECULATION. TURKISH
CYPRIOT PRESS INTERPRETS VISIT AS EFFORT TO RESUME
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. END SUMMARY

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL STORY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS FOR PAST THREE DAYS. IN STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTING, PAPERS ACROSS ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM SPECULATE THAT VISIT SIGNALS NEW AMERICAN INITIATIVE TO SOLVE CYPRUS PROBLEM; SEVERAL PAPERS EXPRESS BELIEF THAT NIMETZ WILL BE CARRYING A "PLAN" FOR CYPRUS. EDITORIALY, LEFTIST PRESS CALLS VISIT A "TRAP." SOCIALIST TA NEA AND ANEXARTITOS WARN PEOPLE TO BE ALERT AND CHARGE THAT NIMETZ INTENDS TO CONTINUE AT POINT WHERE CLIFFORD LEFT OFF, TO SECURE NEW CONCESSIONS ON PART OF GREEK CYPRIOTS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI DESCRIBES VISIT AS "YET ANOTHER TRAP" AND RECALLS "BITTER EXPERIENCE OF CLIFFORD MISSION." RELATIVELY MODERATE PHILELEFTHEROS COMMENTS THAT WHEN MR. NIMETZ VISITS CYPRUS, "WHAT-EVER HE TELLS US MUST BE CONVINCING AND DOCUMENTED. WE DO NOT FORGET THAT MR. NIMETZ WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WHICH CAME TO CYPRUS UNDER MR. CLARK CLIFFORD." RIGHT-WING AGON CONCLUDES THAT U.S. SHOULD SEND ITS OFFICIALS TO ANKARA, WHERE ROOT OF PROBLEM LIES. FAR-RIGHT MAKHI SAYS NIMETZ VISIT SHOULD BE WELCOMED AND REGARDED AS A "GOOD STEP FORWARD."

3. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, IN COMMENTING ON VISIT, HAS EMPHASIZED THAT GOC HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW AMERICAN PLAN BUT HAS ASSURANCES THAT U.S. EFFORTS WILL BE AIMED AT STRENGTHENING UN ROLE. SPOKESMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT INITIATIVE FROM ANY SOURCE IS WELCOME AS LONG AS IT IS WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK AND THAT U.S. "IS SHOULDERING, IN VIEW OF ITS DECISION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO, MORE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BASED ON THE UN RESOLUTIONS."

4. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS PROMINENTLY FEATURED NIMETZ VISIT WITH HEADLINES THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO GET INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED. NEWS ACCOUNTS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED LEFTIST GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION, I.E., THAT THE NIMETZ VISIT WOULD BE A "TRAP".
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